

## LABOR CONVENTION RALLIES TO SUPPORT OF LOS ANGELES CAMPAIGN AND TRIAL

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Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 21.—The real business of the Federation of Labor convention goes forward this week with the impetus furnished by the report of the committee on resolutions.

The great municipal campaign that is being waged in Los Angeles by the socialists and unionists is warmly endorsed, and all organizations and friends of humanity are urged to contribute their mite for the purpose of meeting the expense incurred in this extraordinary political battle, which closes December 5. A number of men and women speakers have volunteered to go to Los Angeles and assure the voters of that city that the organized working people of the country are hoping and praying for the election of Harriman and his entire ticket.

Further financial support will be raised for Clarence Darrow and the attorneys who are making the great legal battle for the McNamara brothers. The defense fund has increased up to date to a little over \$200,000, but it is an insufficient amount to defray the costs of the case that have been piling up for nearly a year and are bound to continue for many months.

It is brought out in the discussion that the belief is general on the Pacific coast that the prosecution cannot present sufficient testimony that is material to se-

cure a conviction on circumstantial evidence. However, even if there is a miscarriage of justice on account of the unfair jury system that exists in California, under which only property owners are eligible to serve as jurymen, it is declared that Darrow has already caught the judge and prosecution in so many errors that his appeals to higher courts will be sustained.

The strike of nearly 40,000 men on the Illinois Central and Harriman lines will also be financed as far as possible. There is a difference of opinion as to which is the best way to proceed, whether to levy an assessment or depend upon voluntary assistance from international and local organizations and sympathizers. President Kline of the blacksmiths, and Franklin of the boilermakers, who have been in the east for several days, will return to Atlanta soon and make their preferences known.

There is still strong talk of calling on the railway brotherhoods to walk out in sympathy with the shop men.

The bitterest fight of the convention is over President Gompers and other officials affiliating with the civic federation. Gompers and his friends are still too strong for the radicals and will win out, but the opposition vote will be heavy and the moral effect will be such as to raise the issue in every international union